MINUTES SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 City Hall, Room 310 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Renee Keehan, Kathy De Cremer

EXCUSED: Heidi Michel

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Ben Heiman to approve the January 8, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. **APPEALS**

a. Appeal of <u>Joshua Arcand</u> requesting to move to 899 Liberty Street

Joshua appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Joshua of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Joshua appeared before the board in November and was approved for 90 days. He is present today to provide treatment and employment documentation.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Joshua Arcand, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Appeal of Randy Graham requesting to move to 1704 S. Ashland Avenue

Randy appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Randy of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Randy appeared before the board in December and was approved for 60 days. He is currently staying at a motel and has been trying to find a permanent place to live. This week he is checking on a place in Ashwaubenon and would like the board to give him a little more time to work on it.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Randy Graham, address specific, for a period of **30 days** (i.e., until March 12, 2014) was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Appeal of <u>Haisan Williams</u> requesting to move to 813 N. Broadway

Haisan did not appear. His probation officer called the law department and asked that he be placed on the March agenda.

A motion to POSTPONE the appeal of Haisan Williams until the March meeting was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Appeal of <u>Jeffrey Hunter</u> requesting to move to 834 Shawano Avenue

Jeffrey appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Jeffrey of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jeffrey provided the board with a several letters of support. He currently lives in Casco but works in Green Bay. He and a business partner have an opportunity to purchase this home which is in foreclosure. It is located 3-1/2 blocks from where he works.

Jeffrey started his own business transcribing textbooks into Braille. It is a seasonal job. He also manages and cleans The Docking Station on Broadway and recently started a snow removal business.

Jeffrey was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor. It involved streaking but no sexual contact. Jeffrey had struggled with his sexuality but is now very comfortable with who he is. This admission has made a difference in his life. He has both gay and straight friends. Jeffrey's roommate the past six years is getting married and Jeffrey needs to find another place to live.

Jeffrey met with Jim Drake from 2007 until 2010.

The offenses occurred in 1991 and 1992, but Jeffrey was not convicted until 2000. He was sentenced to 6 years and 8 months. Jeffrey does not know why it took the victim 8 years to report it, but it is possible the victim did not want to discuss it at that time. Jeffrey's conviction made him realize he had to be honest with himself and how he related to other people.

Jeffrey was a teacher for many years. This situation went against what he believed in. The victim was a student. Jeffrey did not target the victim. At the time, he was very close to many of his students. Jeffrey led a very isolated life. He is now comfortable around people.

Tim Kinnard, 429 Main Street, Casco, WI appeared and spoke on Jeffrey's behalf. Tim has known Jeff a long time. He was one of Jeff's students at Luxemburg-Casco High School and said Jeff was well respected. Tim was in college when Jeff got convicted. Tim stayed in contact with Jeff while he was in prison and when Jeff was released, helped him whenever he needed it.

Tim has seen Jeff change. He is very concerned about what people think of him. He works hard. Jeff is friends with Tim's wife and their two children (ages 17 and 15). Jeff is a part of their family and also his parents' and brothers' families. Tim does not believe Jeff will reoffend. Jeff is very upfront with everyone and wants to have a good reputation.

Helen Hunter, W7990 Jonathan Drive, Pardeeville, WI appeared on Jeffrey's behalf. Helen is Jeffrey's mother. Jeff's dad would have been here, but is currently in home hospice. Sam and Helen are very proud of Jeff and how he's turned his life around. He's done good things all of his life. After being released from prison, he became employed immediately. He's worked for many schools, including Whitewater and Stout. He does a lot of volunteer work for people who are blind and cannot afford to pay for their music or textbooks to be transcribed. He is very active in Green Bay, including theater projects.

Helen said they are a very close family. When someone needs help, Jeff is the first to do so. Helen and Sam are 84 years old and still live in their own home. If they need anything, Jeff is there for them.

When Jeff was charged and sentenced, Helen said they probably would have pushed it further, but Jeff's sister was dying of cancer at the time. Jeff took her to cancer treatments. Helen believes Jeff didn't want to put the family through anything more, such as a trial, so he took a plea bargain. Jeff's sister left behind three young children. Jeff is very close to them and his other nieces and nephews. He is their favorite uncle.

Helen hopes and prays Jeff has an opportunity to fulfill his aspirations of being a homeowner in Green Bay and continue to be an active, productive citizen in the community. She is confident he will be.

Family watchdog shows three or four offenders within a two block radius of this address. This is also about 3 blocks from West High School. Jeff stated he only chose this house because it became available and is close to work. Jeff stated the Community Police Facility is located between this house and the high school.

Jeff stated he had a very extensive evaluation with Jim Drake. He attended sessions for three years. Mr. Drake feels Jeff is a low risk to reoffend.

Jeff stated he will not be living alone. The house will need a lot of work and the earliest they could close would be March, but realistically it could be as late as June. Jeff will stay in Casco until then.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Jeffrey Hunter, address specific, was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Ben Heiman.

<u>Discussion</u>: Renee Keehan stated she is torn. Her concern is the fact it was a teacher/student offense and this location is near West High School. Even though it was a long time ago, she is still hesitant to approve.

Jeffrey would like to alleviate her fears. He stated at that time he was at school from early morning until late at night. He didn't have a social life. Things are different now. He interacts with people, volunteers and has social commitments. This makes his life complete. He no longer has contact with students.

Dean Gerondale understands Renee's concern. However, Dean feels Jeffrey's life has now gone in a completely different direction. He's out of teaching and is involved in other things.

All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Appeal of <u>Brian Vandehei</u> requesting to move to 826 S. Chestnut Avenue

Brian appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Brian of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Brian stated the offense occurred in 2005. He was using drugs, got laid off from work and was trying to keep his house. Brian took his kids with him to play with his drug dealer's kids. The drug dealer sexually assaulted a child and Brian did not report it. The next time, the victim performed a sexual act on him.

Brian attended group sessions with Jim Drake since 2007. He was in aftercare but because his probation was transferred to Appleton, he couldn't make it to any more sessions. He was staying in a homeless shelter.

Brian grew up in Oneida. His family and support system are in this area. He was finally able to get his probation transferred to Green Bay and is currently staying with his brother in Oneida.

Brian works at Fox River Fibers through a temp service. He started there last week but has been working steadily since September. Brian attends AA. He wants to live with his friend, Linda.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Brian Vandehei, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. Three in favor, one opposed (De Cremer). Motion carried.

f. Appeal of <u>Kevin Dugan</u> requesting to move to 623 Bellevue Street.

Kevin appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Kevin of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Kevin stated he assaulted his victim to get back at his wife because he found out she had a boyfriend. He was drunk at the time. The conviction was in 2003 and he was released from prison in November 2013. Kevin has been living with his brother in Green Bay but now needs to find a different place to live.

For the record, Dean Gerondale pointed out that (again) Erin Murto, with the Department of Corrections, has allowed someone to live in the City of Green Bay without first coming before the board. This is in violation of the ordinance. Dean told Kevin it's not his fault, but his brother could be fined \$500 per day for allowing him to stay there.

The next day, Kevin told his wife what happened and went to the police. He pled guilty.

Kevin completed a 10 month SOT2 program while in prison. He has been trying to get in touch with his social worker (Mary Budzinski), but has not heard back from her. Kevin stated he is also attending alcohol treatment classes.

Kevin has been employed through a temp service since early December. He is a mason by trade, and once the weather improves, he will resume that type of work.

Most of Kevin's family lives in Green Bay. He is trying to get his life back on track. He has a car and a job and will soon have a steady job. He now wants to have his own place to live.

Kevin has no contact with his ex-wife. The assault was a one time occurrence.

Renee Keehan stated she likes the fact that he immediately got a job when released from prison. Dean Gerondale stated he would like to see some treatment paperwork. Kevin stated no more treatment is required as part of his probation and he will continue to try to get in touch with Mary Budzinski.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Kevin Dugan, address specific, for a period of **60 days** (i.e., until April 9, 2014) was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of March12, 2014 was confirmed.

A motion adjourn was made by Ben Heiman, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.